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SUBJECT: "FOREIGN RELATIONS -- 1951"

REFS: (A) TOKYO 7088 (B) STATE 113299

1. IN REF A, WE TRANSMITTED FONOFF INQUIRY ABOUT SOURCE OF NEWSPAPER EXPOSE OF HITHERTO "SECRET JAPANESE PROMISE" TO REARM MADE TO SECRETARY DULLES DURING 1951 PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, TOKYO SHIMBUN REPORTED FORMER TREATIES BUREAU DIRGEN NISHIMURA STATED THAT RECORDS PUBLISHED WERE NOTES HE KEPT IN 1951. NISHIMURA DENIED KNOWING HOW THESE RECORDS CAME INTO HANDS OF TOKYO SHIMBUN.

2. FONOFF HAS NOW WITHDRAWN, WITH OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT, ITS REQUEST MADE IN REF A. FONOFF IS OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION NISHIMURA IS CORRECT, ALTHOUGH TOKYO SHIMBUN REFUSES TO REVEAL SOURCE OR EXTENT OF DOCUMENTS IN ITS POSSESSION. IN ANY EVENT, FULL SEARCH OF US FOI RECORDS MAY BE CANCELLED.

3. ACTIVITIES OF GOJ IN PEACE TREATY AND SECURITY TREATY NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN SENSITIVE HERE, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT GOJ WILL CHANGE ITS POSITION ON USG RELEASE OF SENSITIVE JAPANESE DOCUMENTS. IN FACT, FONOFF HAS

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AGAIN REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS IN ADVANCE ON ANY JAPANESE DOCUMENTS WHICH WE PROPOSE TO RELEASE IN 1952 FOREIGN RELATIONS SERIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED AS SERIES PROGRESSES.

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